

The Drawing Off of the Water  
From the Pond Caused  
the Ice to Break.

**GIRLS HELP.** The girls had not been idle during these tragic moments. Recalling that a tree had been cut down and trimmed of its branches not far from the pond but a few days before this, they ran for it, carried it on the pond and out towards the imperilled ones. Seeing that their weight, combined with that of the sapling, would soon carry them through the cracking ice, they returned to safety, dis-

The good that is done by St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass., will ever be held in grateful memory by thousands of people. The Sisters of Charity, who care for the sick and ailing at this institution say: "We cheerfully recommend Father John's Medicine as a good remedy for colds, bronchial troubles, etc.; also a tonic for building up the system. The ingredients of this medicine are perfectly safe and have been tried a trial by all suffering from trouble specified above." (Signed) Sisters of Charity, St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass. Father John's Medicine is for sale by Owens & Minor Drug Store, 107 East Main Street; City Drug Store, 144 East Main Street; People's Drug Store, 100 North Main Street; North Main Pharmacy, 80 North Fifth Street; Pine Street Pharmacy, 331 South Pine Street; West Pharmacy, 201 Venable Street.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
**FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 25.**—The base-ball team of Fredericksburg College for the season of 1904 announces the following schedule of games, six of which will be played on the home grounds here: March 31st, Maryland Agricultural College, at Fredericksburg; April 2d, Shenandoah Valley Academy, at Fredericksburg; April 8th, Randolph College, at Richmond; April 9th, Richmond College, at Richmond.

**First Death at Elks' Home.**  
(Special to The Times-Democrat.)  
MEDFORD CITY, VA., Feb. 25.—Mr. William T. Piquett, of the National Elks Home, died of apoplexy Tuesday and his remains were sent to his home in Baltimore. He was sixty-one years old and was a marine engineer by profession. Mr. Piquett was the first inmate to be admitted to the Home, and his death is a great loss to the organization. He was a member of Baltimore Lodge, No. 7, of Elks.

Tablets are perfectly therapeutic in action, and effects. They do not cause any unnatural or violent disturbance in the stomach or bowels. They themselves digest the food and supply the system with all the nourishment contained in what is eaten and carry out nature's plans for the sustenance and maintenance of the body.

How much more sensible is this method than that employed by many sufferers from weak stomachs. By this means the

ing condition by starving himself of food, and by playing some new forced, insupportable, and unprofitable game, but not contain enough nutriment for a year-old baby. A strong man, doing strong work, must be properly nourished, and this applies to the brain as well as to the body.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, by relieving the stomach of its work, enable it to recuperate and form itself normal tissue again. Nature repairs the worn-out waste-tissues just as she heals and rebuilds the bone of a broken limb, while it is of course not used during the process of repair.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box and they are the only article in the drug store that you can try to sell something in the place of that's "just as good." Their unequalled merit and success and the universal demand for them has placed them within the reach of every one.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILSTON, VA., Feb. 25.—Active preparations are being made by the fishermen in this section for the spring seldo. The large seldo at "Berkeley Shore" expects to begin operations March 10, and drift nets will probably begin a week earlier.

Mrs. William McCl. Ramsey, of "Westover," left to-day on a hurried business trip to California.

Mr. A. H. Lowry has returned to "Brigade" after several days' absence.

Lucius S. Daniel, of Brunswick county, and Miss Kate C. Vaughan, of Nottoway county, were quietly married here yesterday evening in the old office of the Rev. H. L. Doy, of the Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony.

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**Will be Operated On.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., Feb. 25.—H. W. Burke, president of the National Valley Bank, was taken to Baltimore today, where he will undergo an operation for kidney trouble.

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**Diphtheria.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WARM SPRINGS, VA., Feb. 25.—Diphtheria is quite prevalent in the eastern section of the State, and a large number of cases have occurred from this disease, and the board of health has placed the infected districts under quarantine.

**A NEW MACHINE SHOP.**  
Mr. B. A. Blenner has opened a new machine shop at No. 18 North Seventh Street, between Main and Franklin streets, and is now ready to receive orders for all kinds of machinery.

Particular attention is given to fine and difficult work that other shops do not care to do.

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Blenner is doing a large and increasing business in heavy repair work, having several large repairing engines and other machinery at his shops, and having in his employ good workmen who, under his careful supervision, do a great deal of fine repair work on the premises of the different large manufacturing concerns in the city, where the machinery is built and difficult to remove, and on packages of the various printing offices in Richmond.

Mr. Blenner is also inspector for the American Arithmometer Company, of St. Louis, Mo., who build the Burroughs adding machine. These adding machines can be found in every shop and the most prominent business houses in the city.

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It is now Rappahannock Railway from burg county seat of Rappahannock county to Culpeper will certainly be built, but it is doubtful if it will be extended from Culpeper, through this neighborhood, as was originally contemplated.

The Rappahannock River is still blocked with ice at this point, and it has been

The ice goes unless the weather turns much milder within the next thirty-six hours.

Within a radius of five miles of St. Just postoffice, in Orange county, are six persons, each of whom is nearly ninety years old and all in good health.

Antioch, Mt. Hermon, Rhoadesville and Zoar churches, all in one neighborhood, of Orange county, are each without a pastor.

Mr. Virginus Towles, of the Northern Neck, has been appointed under the civil service rules to a position in the Philippines, and has started on his long journey to assume his duties.

John H. Lee, one of the most respected colored men of this city, and a property holder, died here to-day at the age of eighty-two years. He was formerly

owned by the Gordon family an years since the war was butler Judge A. W. Wallace. He was a type of colored men respected by a few of his kind are left,